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MEMORANDUM

The Director and Mr. Pforzheimer appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee on 13 May 1948 in connection with S. 2306 for the Central Intelligence Agency. The members present included the Chairman, Senator Gurney, Senators Morse, Saltonstall and Kilgore. Discussion was based on the revised House print of the bill, H.R. 5871.

This group was in effect a subcommittee authorized to speak for the full Committee and unanimously approved the bill subject to certain changes.

Because of the necessity of these changes, it was determined, for reasons of security, to discard S. 2306 and introduce "a clean bill." The following changes were suggested:

(a) Page 9, of the revised House version, line 5, strike out the word "be" and substitute the phrase "have been";

(b) Page 9, line 6, after the word "budget" insert the phrase "and appropriated ~~by the Congress~~";

(c) Page 12, line 16, delete the phrase "as may be approved by the Bureau of the Budget";

(d) Page 12, line 17, remove the dash after the word "expended";

(e) Page 12, line 18, remove the figure "(1)" and from page 12, line 21 remove the figure "(2)", so that paragraph 7(b) is not divided into subparagraphs but runs as a continuous text.

Discussion led by Sen. Saltonstall took exception to the use of the word "aliens" on page 11, line 13 on the basis that it might violate our security in indicating that aliens were being employed. It was the consensus of the Committee that an attempt should be made in conjunction with the Comptroller General to find phraseology which would eliminate the use of the word "aliens" without disturbing the intent of the Committee that we should have the authority to employ them. Mr. Pforzheimer pointed out that some form of authorization was needed in view of the fact that the authority

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to hire aliens was contained in the general provisions of the Independent Offices Appropriations Act which was passed on an annual basis and which could be eliminated at any time. Sen. Saltonstall expressed concern at the fact that if there were to be a depression it would immediately be subject to pressure to prohibit the hiring of personnel other than United States citizens which he agreed made it necessary for us to have some provision for the hiring of aliens. General language was suggested, including such phrases as "employment of such personnel as is determined to be necessary for the performance of the Agency's functions." Sen. Morse pointed out that the elimination of the word "aliens" from the present printed draft of the bill might at some future date be construed to mean that the Committee did not intend for the Agency to have this authority, and for this reason, it was determined to issue a clean bill rather than amend the present draft. Sen. Gurney stated that an appropriate phrase be worked out between CIA and the Comptroller General and that Mr. Pforzheimer and Mr. Adams, General Counsel of the Committee, agree on the phrase and an appropriate report as soon as possible.

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